

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) Polyolefin composition comprising ~~a~~ at least one water releasing ~~additives~~ additive in ~~concentrations~~ a concentration from 0.01 to 0.07 weight percent, based on the weight of the polyolefin mass wherein the at least one water releasing additive is selected from the group consisting of $K_2HPO_4 \cdot 3H_2O$, $K_4P_2O_7 \cdot 3H_2O$, $NaH_2PO_4 \cdot H_2O$, $NaH_2PO_4 \cdot 2H_2O$, $Na_2HPO_4 \cdot 2(H_2O)$, $Na_2HPO_4 \cdot 12H_2O$, $Na_2HPO_4 \cdot 7H_2O$, $Na_3PO_4 \cdot 12H_2O$, $Na_4P_2O_7 \cdot 12H_2O$, and $Na_2HPO_4 \cdot 5H_2O$.
2. (Currently Amended) Polyolefin composition according to claim 1 wherein the at least one additive is a blend of a water releasing additive according to claim 1 with at least one of the following compounds, calcium stearate, ~~or~~ zinc stearate or DHT4A, in a blend ratio from 10:90 to 90:10 by weight.
3. (Currently Amended) A process for the prevention of discoloration in ~~polyolefins~~ a polyolefin ~~characterized by the addition comprising the step of a~~ adding at least one water releasing additive ~~as characterized in claims 1 and 2 to a~~ polyolefine ~~to the polyolefin~~, wherein the at least one water releasing additive is selected from the group consisting of $K_2HPO_4 \cdot 3H_2O$, $K_4P_2O_7 \cdot 3H_2O$, $NaH_2PO_4 \cdot H_2O$, $NaH_2PO_4 \cdot 2H_2O$, $Na_2HPO_4 \cdot 2(H_2O)$, $Na_2HPO_4 \cdot 12H_2O$, $Na_2HPO_4 \cdot 7H_2O$, $Na_3PO_4 \cdot 12H_2O$, $Na_4P_2O_7 \cdot 12H_2O$ and $Na_2HPO_4 \cdot 5H_2O$ and added in a concentration of ~~in concentrations~~ from 0.01 to 0.07 weight percent, based on the weight of the polyolefin mass.
4. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 3 wherein the at least one water releasing ~~additives~~ additive is added to the polyolefin ~~polymer formed in any polymerization process prior to devolatilization, and/or melt extrusion or both~~ and pelletizing thereof of the polyolefin.

5. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 3 wherein the at least one water releasing additive is added into the molten polymer mass by means of a melt mixing process, preferably in the form of a concentrate or masterbatch.
6. (Currently Amended) ~~Use of polyolefin composition as characterized in claims 1 to 5 for~~ A method for the prevention of discoloration in polyolefins a second polyolefin comprising the step of using the polyolefin composition according to claim 1.
7. (New) A process according to claim 5 wherein the at least one water releasing agent is added to the polymer in the form of a concentrate or masterbatch.
8. (New) A polyolefin article exhibiting reduced coloration made in accordance with the process of claim 6.